

6516205799.txt

First of all, while XM is offering localized content, it's still available for anyone in any other market. I live in Detroit, and could easily listen to New York City traffic and weather, if I wanted. Second, I think the NAB is like the RIAA; irritating, and misdirected. Local stations should be using XM's traffic and weather service as a model for an ideal traffic and weather solution. Also, XM is a paid service, so they should be able to provide whatever content they want. Also, there are plenty of people out there that would rather get their traffic and weather the old fashioned way- on TV. XM's subscriber base of over a million is just a small percentage of the US population that receives weather and traffic information over satellite radio. Also limiting that, is that instant traffic and weather information is only available in certain cities, reducing the number even further of people who use it. I think the NAB should leave XM alone, and stop trying to get control of XM. Also, I pay for XM. I don't think that some lobbying group should try to make laws concerning a PRIVATE radio network, because, after all, XM is only available to people that pay for it. The subscribers should be able to hear whatever they please on XM. Hopefully the NAB will lose the battle of limiting the technological advances as they have been for decades now.